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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action mailed July 2, 2003 in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows. As a preliminary matter, Applicant is grateful to the Examiner for providing guidance and assistance through the telephonic interview of November 19, 2003.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3.

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